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Fatal Traffic Collision – Vehicle vs. Elderly Female

Riverside, CA – On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at about 12:43 PM, Riverside Police Officers responded to a residence in the 5700 block of Lewis Avenue, reference reports of an injury traffic collision involving an elderly female.

Upon investigation, it was learned a 72-year-old woman parked her 70's Dodge van in her driveway. According to a witness, as the woman exited the driver's door, the van rolled back. The female was knocked down by the door and subsequently run over.

Members of the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response paramedics responded and treated the elderly woman, who was transported to Riverside Community Hospital. She was diagnosed with massive internal injuries and later died after lifesaving efforts.

The department's Major Accident Investigation Team responded and investigated the collision. As part of the investigation, the vehicle's column gear shifter was inspected and found to be in poor repair. It is unclear at this point if the van's transmission was ever placed in the park position, or if it slipped out of gear.

The woman's identity has not been released, pending family notification.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact Detective Ken Madsen at 951-826-8723.

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